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SENATE BILL 6041

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By Senator Regala

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1 AN ACT Relating to the home care quality authority; and amending  
2 RCW 74.39A.290.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.39A.290 and 2002 c 3 s 8 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The joint legislative audit and review committee will conduct  
7 a performance review of the authority (~~every two years~~) and submit  
8 the review to the legislature and the governor. The first review will  
9 be submitted before December 1, 2006, and the second review shall be  
10 submitted before December 1, 2009. Subsequent reviews shall be  
11 conducted periodically as determined by the legislature or the joint  
12 legislative audit and review committee.

13 (2) The performance review will include an evaluation of the  
14 (~~health, welfare, and satisfaction with services provided of the~~  
15 ~~consumers receiving long term in home care services from individual~~  
16 ~~providers under chapter 3, Laws of 2002, including the degree to which~~  
17 ~~all required services have been delivered, the degree to which~~  
18 ~~consumers receiving services from individual providers have ultimately~~  
19 ~~required additional or more intensive services, such as home health~~

1 care, or have been placed in other residential settings or nursing  
2 homes, the promptness of response to consumer complaints, and any other  
3 issue the committee deems relevant.

4 (3) The performance review will provide an explanation of the full  
5 cost of individual provider services, including the administrative  
6 costs of the authority, unemployment compensation, social security and  
7 medicare payroll taxes paid by the department, and area agency on aging  
8 home care oversight costs.

9 (4) The performance review will make recommendations to the  
10 legislature and the governor for any amendments to chapter 3, Laws of  
11 2002 that will further ensure the well being of consumers and  
12 prospective consumers under chapter 3, Laws of 2002, and the most  
13 efficient means of delivering required services. In addition, the  
14 first performance review will include findings and recommendations  
15 regarding the appropriateness of the authority's assumption of  
16 responsibility for verification of hours worked by individual  
17 providers, payment of individual providers, and other duties)) services  
18 provided by the home care quality authority, and any other questions  
19 required by the legislature or the joint legislative audit and review  
20 committee.

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